



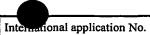
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items: I Basis of the report II Priority III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV Lack of unity of invention V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI Certain documents cited VII Certain defects in the international application VIII Certain observations on the international application								
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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES		
		Claims		NO		
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES		
		Claims		NO		
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES		
		Claims		NO		

2. Citations and explanations

- 1. The closest prior art and the starting point for claims 1 and 7 is DE-U-299 23 215, in which improper insertion of the sensor is deduced from food-type-specific temperature curves. In the present invention an improper insertion or failure to insert the sensor is determined by scanning suitable parameters in order to locate the sensor independently of the food which, is being cooked. The principle is therefore completely original, and claims 1 and 7 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2), (3) and (4).
- 2. The dependent claims relate to advantageous developments of the subject matter of claims 1 and 7, and also meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2), (3) and (4).